

26. *ODONTOTERMES OBESUS* (RAMBUR)  
[TERMITIDAE : MACROTERMITINAE] AT 4500 FT. IN  
KUMAON HIMALAYAS

On 14 October 1962 in the course of geological exploration in the Binsar area of the Kumaon Himalayas (Almora District, Uttar Pradesh), I came across an active mound of the termite *Odontotermes obesus* (Rambur) at Siya village (4500 ft. alt. ; c. 29° 40' N., 79° 55' E.) ; about 10 miles NE. of Binsar.

The mound made of brownish earth was about one metre high with a number of narrow buttresses all around. It was the sole mound seen by me in that area and was situated in a grassy patch on a hill-slope and near two small pine trees. The rock in that area is mostly ferruginous quartzite and pink slates. I collected from the mound some soldiers and workers which have been deposited in the Zoological Survey of India and were identified by Mr. O. B. Chhotani as *Od. obesus*.

I am informed that this is the common mound-building termite in the plains and foothills practically all over India, but its occurrence at the present high elevation is uncommon, though records from south India are available (Holmgren & Holmgren 1917, pp. 146-149) up to 4500 ft. in the Shevaroy Hills and 4600 ft. in the Bababudin Hills.

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27. STUDIES ON THE MORPHOLOGY AND TAXONOMY  
OF INDIAN BOSTRYCHIDAE  
VI. A NEW SPECIES OF THE GENUS *BOSTRYCHOPSIS*  
LESNE FROM INDIA (COLEOPTERA : BOSTRYCHIDAE)

(With one plate)

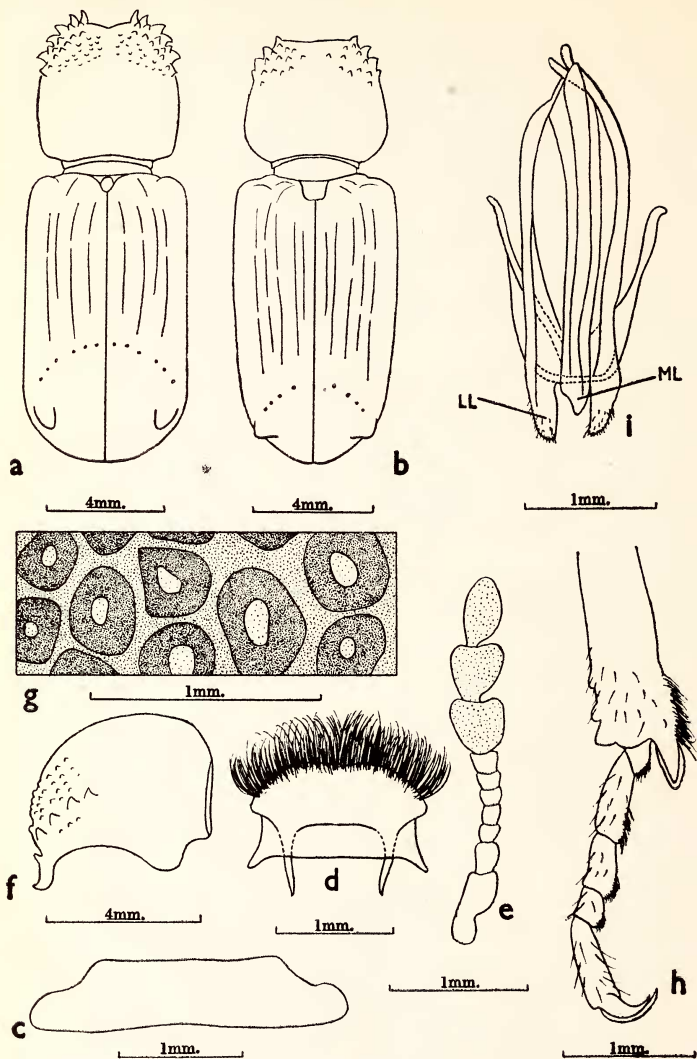
*Bostrychopsis roonwali* sp. nov.

MALE

*Colour* : Piceous ; antennae, palpi, and tarsi fusco-piceous.

*Head* strongly convex, densely, finely punctate, with a narrow longitudinal line at middle and short, fine, longitudinal, parallel carinae on occiput, pubescence consisting of short, recumbent, whitish hair ; clypeus convex, densely, coarsely punctate, densely clothed with short semi-recumbent, yellowish white hairs, arcuately emarginate anteriorly ; clypeal suture depressed at middle, obscure at sides ; labrum subtruncate





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a. Male, dorsal view; b. Female, dorsal view; c. Clypeus, dorsal view; d. Labrum, dorsal view; e. Antenna; f. Pronotum, side view; g. Elytral punctures; h. Hind tibia (a portion) and tarsus; i. Male genitalia, dorsal view: LL—lateral lobe; ML—median lobe